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In Re ContinuationApplication of ) For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
DAVID NOEL COLLINS ET AL. ) PROVIDING BROADCAST  
Serial No.: UNKNOWN ) MESSAGES IN A  
 ) COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK  
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Filed: HEREWITH ) Group Art Unit: 2746

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants through their attorney submit herewith, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98, a list references of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and with respect to which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56. These have been previously submitted in the co-pending U.S. application serial no. 08/912,049 filed August 15, 1997 entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING BROADCAST MESSAGES IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK and currently assigned to the assignee of the present application.

While the references identified herein may be material to the examination of this application pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, the citation of these references is not intended to constitute an admission that any reference referred to herein is prior art to the invention of this application unless specifically designated as such.

The filing of this document shall not be construed to mean that any search has been made or, that if made such search was complete or exhaustive, or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 exists.

A list of the references cited herein is set forth on Form PTO-1449 which is enclosed herewith. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(d) Applicants are not required to submit copies of the references and accordingly have not provided copies herewith. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return to Applicants the enclosed copy of the Form PTO-1449 indicating consideration of the references.

The subject application is believed patentable over any of the above-references.

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